under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

(b) and (c) Do no arise.

Revival of Prof. Lakadawala Committee on PDS

3681. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the revival of the Prof. Lakadawala Committee on Public Distribution System;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has also requested for the revival of the said Committee; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the decision of the Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Government of India have not appointed any Committee under the name "Prof. Lakadawala Committee on Public Distribution System". Hence the question of its revival does not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increasing demand of consumer food items in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh

3682. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the demand of consumer goods viz. wheat, sugar and edible oil by the consumers of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, particularly of tribal and desert areas;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to enhance the allocation of wheat, rice, sugar to Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the projection made for 1996-97; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard, so far, including margin of subsidy on foodgrains per quintal for tribal areas, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Allocation of essential commodities under Public Distribution System (PDS) from Central Pool is made on a month to month basis after taking into account the availability of stock in the Central Pool, inter se demand of States/UTs, market availability of commodities, seasonal factors, offtake against allocations, etc. However, with effect from June, 1997, quota of rice and wheat is allocated on the basis of annual average lifting for 10 years as per Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) guidelines. The allocation of levy sugar is made at a uniform rate of 425 grams per capita per month as per 1991 population. Allocation of these commodities is made to the States as a whole. Further District-wise allocation within the State as per local demand is the responsbility of the State Government.

(c) The allocation of wheat, rice, sugar and edible oil and lifting thereof, itemwise, for the year 1996-97 by Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh is as under:—

(in '000 MTs)

	GUJARAT		MADHYA PRADESH	
	Alloca-tion	Lifting	Alloca-tion	Lifting
Wheat	690.90	624.30	605.62	431.10
Rice	376.00	276.40	613.68	278.50
Sugar	213.76	*	353.50	*
Edible Oil	40.00	41.33	@	@

*Lifting assumed to be 100%

@No demand for edible oil for the year 1996-97 was received from Madhya Pradesh.